

REMARKS

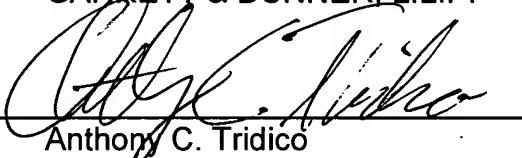
By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1-4, 6-20, 23, and 26-28; added new claim 29; and cancelled claims 22, 24, and 25. The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to conform them to U.S. practice. The claims were not narrowed by these amendments and no estoppels were intended. The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of the application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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